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Biographical Note

Moore Furman was one of the wealthier and more prominent residents of Trenton during the revolutionary war period. Born on May 1, 1728 in Hopewell Township, he married Sara White of Philadelphia on March 17, 1767; of their four children, all except Maria died young and unmarried.

Prior to the Revolutionary War Furman was a highly successful merchant and public servant. In the 1750s he partnered with Andrew Reed in the mercantile business and served as high sheriff of Hunterdon County and Postmaster of Trenton. In the mid-1760s Furman purchased a large tract of land northwest of Flemington on which he built an entire village, named Pittstown, including a nail factory, grist mill, hotel and dwelling houses.

Soon after the outbreak of the revolutionary war, on March 2, 1778, Furman was appointed Deputy Quartermaster General and Forage Master of New Jersey. In this position he worked under Quartermaster General Nathaniel Greene to collect and transport supplies to the continental army. Throughout his period of service, his headquarters moved various times between Pittstown, Trenton and Lambertton. Because of his growing frustrations with the lack of funds, supplies, and employees, Furman resigned from his position as Deputy Quartermaster General on September 19, 1780.

During the remainder of his lifetime, he continued to serve in a variety of other public offices, including: agent for the United States Lottery, during the war; commissioner for the construction of the first State house in Trenton, in 1791; and first mayor of Trenton, 1792. He died a wealthy man on March 16, 1808, leaving a personal estate worth over \$11,500.

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Content Note

The documents in this collection consist mainly of Furman's correspondence with revolutionary officials regarding his duties as Deputy Quartermaster General of New Jersey, from 1778 to 1780. They include letters to Quartermaster General Nathaniel Greene, Governor William Livingston and other officers and quartermaster officials. These letters discuss the policies of the quartermaster General's office and details concerning the collection and transportation of supplies. Furman's letters also include correspondence with James Burnside from 1790 to 1800 regarding some misplaced lottery accounts. Many of the letters in this collection were published in 1912 under the title The Letters of Moore Furman.

Item #1 is a letter book containing Furman's outgoing correspondence for the period 1778-1796. The contents list is followed by an alphabetical list of correspondents in the letter book and includes date references. Items #2-29 are loose letters which, with the exception of items #17 & #18, are letters to Furman. Finally, item #30 is an account regarding the building of the first State House which covers the years from 1792 through 1794. [For other accounts regarding the building of the State House, researchers should see the series: Maskel Ewing/Papers relating to the Construction of the State House.]

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